उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री मोहम्मद सलीम): आप डिमांड कर रहे थे।

श्री राजनाथ सिंह: वही मैं कह रहा हूं इस देश की एकता और अखंडता को खतरा पैदा करने वाली चाहे कितनी भी बड़ी ताकत क्यों न हो, निश्चित रूप से उसके विरुद्ध इस सरकार को खड़ा होना चाहिए, सारे देश को खड़ा होना चाहिए और उस आतंकवादी को दंडित किया जाना चाहिए, चाहे यह किसी जाति और मज़हब का क्यों न हो। इसलिए मैं चाहता हूं कि ....(व्यवधान) तमिलनाडु में भी यही स्थिति बन रही है। इसलिए मैं चिंतित हूं। मैं यह मांग करना चाहता हूं भारत सरकार से कि ऐसे महत्वपूर्ण बिंदु पर सरकार की तरफ से एक स्टेटमेंट आना चाहिए। लेकिन आज तक आई०एस०आई० की गतिविधियों के बारे में सरकार के द्वारा सदन में कभी भी कोई स्टेटमेंट नहीं दिया गया । मैं यह भी मांग करना चाहता हूं कि यह बहुत ही गंभीर मुद्दा है। इसलिए सरकार के द्वारा इन आई०एस०आई० की गतिविधियों के ऊपर एक व्हाईट पेपर, एक श्वेतपत्र जारी किया जाना चाहिए। यह मांग करते हुए मैं अपनी बात समाप्त करता हूं।

RE: BURNING TO DEATH OF A RAPE VICTIM IN DELHI AND NEGLIGENCE OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, I have no words to describe an incident that has taken place in the heart of Delhi. We have been discussing the role criminals; we have been discussing the failure of the police; we have been discussing the atrocities on women. But only yesterday, something has happened in Delhi which is beyond any description and needs to be condemned and the Government should take immediate action. It is like this.

A young lady was raped. She was raped in 1995 in September. After the gang rape, the lady was warned by the rapists not to go to the court. But the lady was a little more brave than what she appeared to be. She was a frail lady. But she was brave. She dared to go to the court. She dared to identify the rapists despite the threat to kill her. But the rapists did not make empty threats. After a few days, when this girl was alone in her house, she was dragged out. It all happened in Delhi. She was dragged out of the house and taken to an empty piece of land. Kerosene was poured on her and she was put to fire. This is not the whole story. This is not even half the story.

After she was burnt, she did not die. She was taken to the Safdarjung Hospital for admission. Believe, it, believe me, Mr. Vice-Chairperson Sir, she was not admitted. The doctors on duty said it was a police case and she could not be admitted. *(Interruptions)*.

AN HON. MEMBER: It was RML, not Safdarjung.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: It does not make sense. Whether it was RML or Safdarjung, she was refused admission by a Government Hospital. Of course, after she was denied admission, she was taken to another hospital. The poor half-burnt girl was treated only for three days, and after treating her for three days, she was being released. Just imagine! She could not go to her place because all sorts of criminals were there. She was put up in a nearby dharamsala and she had to walk every day in such an ailing condition from dharamsala to the Government hospital to get herself treated. After some time, she had again fallen sick. Sir, as you know, burn cases are never put on the strechers because there is always a danger of infection. My information is that she contracted infection. She was almost cured but since she was released and she had to take a walk she had contracted infection a second time and because of that she was in a dangerous condition. In the meantime, a group of social activists approached a Minister of the Government, Shri Balwant Singh Ramoowalia, and he had to ring up the Superintendent of the hospital to admit her. She was readmitted at 8.30 and she died at 9.00 p.m. in the night. Sir, we know that the police does not act, we know people do not work in hospitals. But am I to understand that human heart does not bleed when a half-burnt lady moves out from one place to another? It

appears as if the whole system has gone wrong. It is not a question of politicisation. The whole system has gone wrong. Police had refused to arrrest the culprit when the culprit held out a threat to the lady. She was told not to go to the court and identify the culprits. This is a story which has surpassed most of the human tragedies that I have come across in Delhi, after getting into Parliament. I demand that an immediate judicial enquiry should be held in the matter . I demand that the Home Minister must come and issue a statement. It is not a question of party. The Home Minister belongs to my party. That is a different matter. I am raising a question of woman being tortured. I am raising a question where police did not care. I am raising a question when doctors did not behave properly, I am raising a question when a poor lady, whose life could have been save, has been put to death because she dared identifying the culprits in a court of law. I do not know what view the Judiciary will take. But let Parliament take a view, let there be a judicial investigation of the whole matter, let the hon. Home Minister make a statement, let us know, once and for all, that the capital of the country cannot be allowed to become the capital of the criminals. We will not tolerate such things. We will not tolerate the police and the hospital administration tc be so inhuman to human miseries. I want that the entire House should take the said view and compel the Government to come to the House and make a statement and order a judicial enquiry. *(Interruptions).*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): We cannot have a discussion on this issue. *(Interruptions)* But the whole House associate itself with the sentiments expressed by Shri Gurudas Das Gupta. It is not an individual matter. It is a larger question. *(Interruptions)*

SYED SIBTEY RAZI: (Uttar Pradesh) The Governemnt should issue a statement today. *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): If you all agree, I can give a direction to the Government and that will be more helpful. *(Interruptions)* The whole House associate itself with the sentiments expressed by Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI GURUDAS GUPTA: I want that by four o-clock, the Government must come and make a statement. *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): I have already made it clear that Rajya Sabha is very much concerned about this incident. *(Interruptions)*

SHIR GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: No, Sir. We are not only concerned about this incident but we are also absolutely agitated over this issue.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): The Members support you on this question, and the way the things are going on, we cannot stop them by merely expressing our concern here. The Minister is here. He must communicate it to the Home Minister. The Home Minister must come and inform us what steps be is going to take to correct this. The Government should take measures. We must stop this. We must put a stop somewhere. This cannot be allowed to slide further. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Minister, do you have to say something? You can assure us

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): Sir, I will convey it to the Home Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*...

डा० (श्रीमती) उर्मिलाबेन चिमनभाई पटेल (गुजरात): ज्यूडीशियल इन्क्वायरी के अलावा यह स्पष्ट होना चाहिए कि फ्यूचर में ऐसा नहीं होगा, इसके बारे में आश्वासन मिलना चाहिए। ....**(व्यवधान)**...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM):मंत्री जी को बोलने दीजिए। The Home Minister is not here at the moment ...*(Interruptions)*... He is the Oil and

Natural Gas Minister, but he handles a highly internal susbstance. Please speak, Mantriji.

SHRI T.R. BAALU: Sir, I will convey the feelings of the Members to the Home Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: We could not hear what the Ministe said.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): He will convey this to the Home Minister.

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा (मध्य प्रदेश): सदन की तरफ से एक आदेश आना चाहिए कि कोई भी ऐसा कानून जिसमें महिलाओं को जलाया गया हो ...**(व्यवधान)**...

SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Is the Home Minister coming with a statement today itself? ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा (मध्य प्रदेश): इस तरह की घटनाओं में एक आदेश आना चाहिए। ...**(व्यवधान)**... इस तरह की घटनाएं जो महिलओं के साथ होती हैं, उनमें सदन की तरफ से डायरेक्शन आना चाहिए और होम मिनिस्टर साहब को स्टेटमेंट देना चाहिए कि इस तरह के केसिस को लटकाया नहीं जाएगा और उन्हें फोरन ऐडमिट कर लिया जाएगा। ...**(व्यवधान)**...

SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Sir, we are all concerned. It is a very pathetic story and the Home Minister should come here and give us the details of the incident today and tell us what action he is going to take ...*(Interruptions)*... whether he is going to institute a judicial enquiry or he is going to suspend the person responsible ....*(Interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): It is all the more important because the Prime Minister has mentioned that the law and order situation is ...*(Interruptions)*...

SYED SIBTEY RAZI: He should tell us when the Home Minister is coming.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Mr. Sibtey Razi, you are a senior Member. You know that he cannot fix up the time. The Home Minister will tell you that ....*(Interruptions)*... The Home Minister would come to the House and make a statement ....*(Interruptions)*...

एक माननीय सदस्य: सब लोग बोल रहे हैं। वीणा जी, आप बोलिए ...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा: अफसोस की बात है कि महिलाओं के विषय में सिर्फ पुरुष ही ...**(व्यवधान)**...

सैयद सिब्ते रज़ी: यह तो अच्छी बात है।

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा: अच्छी बात नहीं है। सबसे ज्यादा समस्या का कारण ही पुरुष हैं। ...**(व्यवधान)**...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Shri S. Muthu Mani. Now we will take up Special Mentions. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, is the Home Minister coming today or will he come tomorrow? ...*(Interruptions)*..

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, please allow me to speak.

SHIR TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, if they have to say something, then we also have to say something!

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: I thing, if you allow us to say something about our plight and then you endorse that, we will be more grateful to you.

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI: You can certainly express or articulate your plight, I have no objection to that, but ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: When is the Home Minister coming?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): I will allow Mrs. Renuka Chowdhury only if that does not lead to a

further discussion ...*(Interruptions)*... So, you have withdrawn your objection. आप क्लीयर क्यों नहीं होते हैं। मैंने बोला कि हम यहां अभी समय ठीक नहीं बता सकते हैं लेकिन होम मिनिस्टर को स्टेटमेंट देना पड़ेगा। मंत्री जी होम मिनिस्टर को बताएंगे।

SHRI NARENDRA MOHA: Is the Home Minister coming today or tomorrow?

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURI: Mr. Cive-Chariman, this House has witnessed over a period of time the atrocities beyond endurance, and this House, its good sense, has stood by women repeatedly. Repeatedly, such incidents have been brought to the forefront, yet crime against women is reduced to statistics and one more shall come and life shall go on and on. This is the cynicism with which we are going besieged. The capital of our nation has witnessed heinous and horrendous crimes committed against women, compounded by the fact that there is a total administrative failure and that those who are to look after us, do not even admit us into hospitals. These are acts of inhuman barbarity. Sir, it is not enough that we take these cases in isolation. I think this House should also empower a person or constitute a committee, whatever is in the wisdom of the Chair, and unless we make an issue of this case, this sort of crimes are likely to go on repeatedly. I would ask people who are well-acquainted with the rules and with the methods of exercising their minds, to demand that if a Government hospital is found guilty, after an inquiry or after finding out the facts, of not admitting this woman, the persons who have failed in performing their duty should be summoned to the House. People who failed to do their duty, people who have denied the citizens of this nation access to laws, that bind us together, must be summoned to this House.....

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and reprimanded so that this kind of an act of neglect would not be repeated. If we do not go to this extreme, there would be no answer to this. The gender bias will continue. When we asked for 33% reservation for women it is not for increasing our number in the Parliament but for our protection in the society.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Urgency to set up a High Court Bench at Madurai

SHRI S. MUTHU MANI (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government, through you, to an unduly delayed matter regarding the setting up of a Bench of the Madras High Court at Madurai. I had raised this issue in this august House on 10th August, 1994 and on 25th April, 1995. Over two crores of people living in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu have been demanding the setting up of a Bench of the Madras High Court at Madurai for a long tme. The Jaswant Singh Commission, after visiting Madurai and ascertaining the views of the people from different walks of life and after satisfying itself with the facilities provided, recommended the setting up of a Bench of the Madras High Court at Madurai in 1985. The recommendations were then referred to the Government of Tamil Nadu in 1986 for its comments. The then AIADMK Government headed by our beloved leader, late MGR, promised to provide whatever facilities the State ought to have provided. The Tamil Nadu Government had extended every possible help and allocated funds for setting up a Bench. Later, our leader, the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi, had also allocated Rs. 10 crores for establishing a bench at Madurai. An area of 96.4 acres of land had been identified at Ulagareri near Madurai. A committee of judges had also aproved the site. The lawyers of southern districts have been taking up cases before the High Court and the Supreme Court and have brought laurels to their profession. Yet the setting up of a Bench at Madurai has been delayed. I don't